

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 IO-13 ISO-00 AGRE-00 CEA-01 CIAE-00  
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R 310404Z MAR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7792  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
USMISSION GENEVA  
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR  
AMEMBASSY MANILA  
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: ETRD, GATT, ASEAN, ID  
SUBJECT: ASEAN PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENT-GATT

REF: A) STATE 078402, B) SINGAPORE 1446

1. DURING CONVERSATION ON SEVERAL TOPICS WITH TOMAN  
HUTAGALUNG, DIRECTOR, AND POEDJI KOENTARSO OF DFA'S  
MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE EMBOFF MADE  
POINTS AND LEFT PAPER BASED ON REF A. BOTH EXPRESSED  
APPRECIATION THAT USG HAD OFFERED CONSTRUCTIVE ADVISE.  
KOENTARSO MUSED, HOWEVER, THAT ACKNOWLEDGING PUBLICLY  
AT THIS TIME THAT PTA WAS THE FIRST STEP LEADING TOWARD  
A FREE TRADE AREA MIGHT BE DIFFICULT FOR GOI.

2. COMMENT: LEE'S PERCEPTION (REF B) REGARDING GOI PHOBIA  
TOWARDS LOWER TARIFFS, WHICH IT SEEMS TO US HAS BEEN THE  
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STANDARD GOS PERCEPTION FOR SOME TIME,HAS CERTAINLY  
BEEN ACCURATE UP TO THIS POINT. WE HAVE REPORTED ON  
SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE FREELY MADE ADMISSION OF VARIOUS  
OFFICIALS HERE THAT EARLY AND BROAD TARIFF CUTS ARE NOT  
IN INDONESIA'S BEST INTERESTS. HOWEVER, THERE HAS  
BEEN AT LEAST LIMITED INTERNAL OPPOSITION  
TO THE POLICY AND THE FACT THAT SOME 500 NEW ADDITIONS

TO THE PTA HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN AGREED UPON AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL (JAKARTA 2981, MANILA 4553) MAY BE INDICATIVE OF SOME SOFTENING IN INDONESIAN OPPOSITION TO LOWER TARIFFS. EMBOFF HOPES TO TAKE UP THIS QUESTION SOON WITH NEWLY NAMED DEPARTMENT OF TRADE DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS ALGARMAR, WHO IS MUCH MORE ACCESSIBLE THAN HIS PREDECESSOR DR. SOEMARDI WHO HAS TAKEN UP POST OF ANRPC SEC GEN IN KUALA LUMPUR. FURTHER LIGHT ON INDONESIAN ATTITUDE SHOULD BE SHED DURING NEXT MONTHS ECON MINISTERS MEETING HERE IN JAKARTA.  
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